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TECHNOLOGY IN PLANTATION SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to focus on new technology in plantation sector as reported in Business Line date July 26, 2007; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tea Board in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur wishes to set up an Advanced R&D Centre for tea technology which would include the following activities:

(i) Carry out performance audit of existing processing machinery and suggest ways and means of making them energy efficient to reduce cost of production.

(ii) To come out with new processing techniques for various types of teas and design new machinery for making good quality tea.

(iii) To come out with simple mechanical aids for reducing the drudgery and improving the productivity of workers.

Rubber and Coffee Boards are also making all efforts to improve the productivity and quality of Rubber and Coffee.